

MEXICAN SITUATION DRIFTING TO CRISIS WITH UNITED STATES

Government Awaits Huerta's Next Move—Deep Significance Attached to Action of Spanish Minister—President Wilson Holds Conference With Bryan, Foreign Relations Committee and Senators Behind Closed Doors—Navy Ready for Any Eventuality.

DICTATOR BARS AMERICAN WARSHIPS

President's Latest Note Attracts Widespread Attention—Mexican Government's Official Reply Awaited With Keen Interest—Lawlessness of Huerta Regarded as an Act of Bad Faith Toward American Government—Dissolving of Congress a Violation of Constitutional Guarantees—No Possibility of a Fair and Free Election.

Washington, Oct. 15.—The Mexican situation today was regarded by officials here as drifting toward a crisis, with the United States awaiting Huerta's next move.

The commanding feature was the action of the Spanish minister in Mexico City calling a meeting of the diplomatic corps to discuss Huerta's assumption of a practical dictatorship. Administration officials and diplomats attached deep significance to that. This development attracted great attention because of the Spanish minister's friendship for Henry Lane Wilson, the former ambassador of the United States to Mexico and because the Spanish minister never has supported the policy of the United States.

Meetings at White House.

President Wilson discussed the situation with Secretary Bryan and several senators and later the foreign relations committee of the senate had a meeting behind closed doors. It was a regular meeting day, however, and the session of the senators was not called by developments.

Chairman Bacon of the committee in a talk with the president expressed the view that even had the United States recognized Huerta, his assumption of the role of dictator would, in his opinion, have been sufficient cause for a withdrawal of recognition. There are no precedents for withdrawing recognition once extended, but diplomats pointed out that such an effect might be substantially accomplished by withdrawing an ambassador.

Naval Force Plans.

Plans for keeping an American naval force in Mexican waters commanded almost equal attention, especially in view of the strained situation following so closely Huerta's announcement that his government's permission for the presence of American warships would not be renewed this month and the announcement of this government's intention to accomplish its end without conflicting with the laws of Mexico by changing the details of ships.

It was made plain that the Washington government was determined to have a naval representation ready for any eventuality and some observers thought the next step toward culmination of the situation might be forced over that point.

Publication of President Wilson's latest note to Huerta attracted wide attention for its brevity and forcefulness. The Mexican government's reply was awaited with keenest interest. Meanwhile all the agencies of the government concerned in the situation were in constant and close communication.

U. S. Attitude Defined.

The instructions delivered by Charles O'Shaughnessy to the authorizer at Mexico City defining the attitude of the United States toward Huerta's assumption of dictatorship were as follows:

"The president is shocked at the lawlessness of the methods employed by General Huerta, and as a sincere friend of Mexico is deeply distressed at the situation which has arisen. He finds it impossible to regard otherwise than as an act of bad faith Huerta's course in dissolving the congress and arresting the deputies.

Violation of Guarantees.

"It is not only a violation of a constitutional guarantee but destroys all possibility of a fair and free election. The president believes that an election held at this time under the conditions as now existing would have no validity and that the result would be a mere sham.

"The president would not feel justified in accepting the results of such an election or in recognizing the president so chosen."

CARRANZA LEAVES CANANEA.

Cananea, Sonora, Oct. 15.—General Carranza, leader of the Constitutional revolution, left here today for Hermosillo after a two-day stay during which the city gave itself up to a continuous celebration.

Nogales, Sonora, Oct. 15.—After two days of desultory fighting, Constitutional troops invading Guaymas have driven the federalists from Ensenada and San Jose de Guaymas. The battle continued today, the insurgents assaulting the defenses of Guaymas proper from three sides.

The insurgent commanders ordered the attack when they learned that General Ojeda had sent a force to the relief of Mazatlan.

This information came today from a reliable and disinterested source. The insurgent junta was advised today that the Constitutional army of Sinaloa had taken Rosario and

WERE TRAPPED IN COMPARTMENT

Nearly Ninety Volturmo Passengers are Burned Alive in First Explosion.

OFFICER TELLS STORY

German Steamship Docks in Hoboken With 105 Victims of Disaster Aboard.

New York, Oct. 15.—Between 80 and 90 passengers on the Volturmo were trapped in compartment No. 1 by the first explosion on the vessel Thursday morning and either perished at once or were burned alive. This news was brought to port today by the docking of the steamship Grosser Kurfurst bearing 195 survivors of the disaster.

It came from the lips of Waldron Dasselmann, third officer of the Volturmo, one of the rescued.

The Grosser Kurfurst docked in Hoboken this afternoon. Committees of the Red Cross and Jewish organizations and friends and relatives of the dead and living awaited her coming. Ten automobiles and an ambulance were on hand to bring the unfortunate to places of temporary refuge in Manhattan.

Chemical Drums Explode.

In broken English Dasselmann, a quiet mannered man of about 35 years, told his experience during the 18 hours he was aboard the fire swept vessel. The cause of the fire he established as an explosion of a drum containing chemicals or oil in the forward part of the vessel.

"I was just going to the bridge," he said, "when the first explosion occurred. The Volturmo trembled as if she had been struck by a heavy shell. Almost immediately other drums began to explode. There was a rapid fire of explosions that sounded like cannonading.

"Captain Inch was on the bridge. I heard him shout out to man the lifeboats. The passengers came running in panic to the decks. The sailors sprang to the davits. A gale was howling and the sea was sweeping in great rollers around us. The passengers crowded the rails so that the sailors had difficulty in lowering the boats. Meantime the small drums and cases of chemicals were exploding by the dozen every minute. No one thought the ship could last five minutes.

"Flames swept up from Number 1 compartment forward and leaped to the forecastle. Within a few minutes it was blazing. The gale fanned the blaze.

Boats Lowered.

"A boat was lowered and made away. It seemed as if it would capsize every minute. We lost it time after time in the trough of the sea. Another was smashed against the davits before it could be lowered. The chief officer was swept overboard, too, but he held on and climbed back. I saw him take out an oar to steer the boat away from the ship as it was in danger of breaking to pieces against the Volturmo at any moment. He used the oar to advantage and the boat drifted away.

"The fourth officer's boat was lowered next. About 25 passengers were dying down. I found that boat No. 5 had already been whirled by the gale against the davits and that its oar was broken. I don't know why, but I lowered the empty boat. It got away clear of the ship. It was a pity that it was broken.

"The captain then gave the order to fight the fire. I went on the bridge. He coupled the hose to the pumps and stretched two lines of it.

"We had been working the wireless for nearly an hour. Finally we got word that the Carmania was coming full speed to help us. I ran to the passengers who were huddled aft. Some of them were praying, some laughing. I shouted to them that the Carmania was coming. Most of them fell on their knees. The panic among them ended.

"I went back to the bridge. The captain told me the main mast was in danger of falling. I got a couple of tackles and made the main mast firm so that the aerials could not go down and destroy our wireless.

Steering Gear Blows Up.

"Then the steering gear on the bridge blew up with a loud explosion. We began to drift. The carpenters fixed up a hand steering gear. We didn't want to drift for fear the Carmania could not find us. I told the passengers that the Carmania would reach us in an hour and that quieted them.

"The Carmania sent us a message to steer southwest by west to meet her, but we had to steer before the wind to keep the flames forward.

"The captain fought the flames

OLD AGE PENSIONS FOR ADVENTISTS

Washington, Oct. 15.—Old age pensions and sick benefits for the several thousand missionary workers of the Seventh Day Adventists were assured, it was announced today through action taken by the general and North American conference of the denomination, in Takoma Park, a suburb. A missionary laborer, or organization throughout the world, working in the interests of the sect, will be eligible to draw upon the fund, as will their dependents.

"Those who receive benefits from this fund," the conference announced today, "will be ordained and licensed preachers, physicians, nurses, presidents of educational institutions and teachers in the church schools or primary schools, missionary colporteurs, and other employees. Many thousands of dollars will be involved."

In addition to caring for the missionary and other workers in their old age or in sickness, the fund will be used in case of their death to look after their widows and children. Plans for the collection of the necessary money to insure the success of the venture were approved before the announcement of the plan was made. The innovation is regarded as unique in the field of missionary endeavor.

Second Officer Lloyd of the Volturmo made a great record for bravery on the burning ship. He felt ten feet while repairing the wireless apparatus on Thursday morning. Then he fought the fire in the hospital, preventing an explosion and spread of fire to the whole ship. Later he made his way in a small boat to the lifeboats and bravely got through, though the boat was smashed in launching and was full of water when caught by the Kurfurst's line.

Third Engineer Finch after Thursday night's explosion, went to the engine room and took a bath, divided his money with a fellow engineer and jumped overboard. He was picked up by the Kurfurst's boat.

John Burns, a fireman, jumped into the water from the Volturmo, but could not get away from the ship's side. He caught a line and was pulled back to the deck by the chief engineer. He jumped again and reached the Kurfurst's boat. Burns saw a first cabin passenger, a big, burly American, name not known, throw his wife and sister overboard early Thursday morning and then jump himself. All were lost. This was the third shipwreck for Burns in three years.

Officers Lieberman and Von Sonnenberg of the Kurfurst were six hours Thursday night in a small boat, battling with the waves and were nearly run down by a liner. They were picked up finally through the aid of the Carmania's searchlights. The crew was exhausted.

WHAT IS CHOCOLATE? PROBLEM TO SOLVE

Washington, Oct. 15.—Sweet and snarling though the subject be, the federal board of food and drugs inspection has decided to grapple with the question of "What is chocolate?" Accordingly, it sent out today an invitation to those interested in the subject to attend a public hearing to be held at the department of agriculture November 7. The hearing will determine whether sweetened, pulverized cocoa can be admitted to be chocolate, a designation hitherto denied it by the government.

"Maltine girls," repeated an officer, when questioned, "Why, certainly they can come if they care to. If maltine girls aren't interested in chocolate, I can't imagine who possibly could be."

Scores of protests against the government ruling on cocoa have poured in on the board. The government held that cocoa was deprived of a portion of the natural fat that entered into the composition of chocolate, and therefore could not be recognized as true chocolate. This, the protesters insist, is discrimination and unfair.

HOW ROOSEVELT'S LIFE WAS SAVED

New York, Oct. 15.—Some interesting details of how gymnastics saved the life of Theodore Roosevelt were related today by some of the 400 girls who celebrated last night the

TEN KILLED IN TRAIN COLLISION

Liverpool, Oct. 15.—Ten passengers were killed and a number of others were injured in a collision near here today between a local train and the Manchester Express.

The rear coach of the Express was shattered.

Twenty miners, the working force of the McLaughlin mine of the Santa Fe Coal company, the men south of here, were prevented from going to work today by 35 strikers, partly armed, who met them at the entrance of the property and succeeded in getting them by jeers and threats to turn back.

Deputies from the sheriff's office reached the scene before the strikers had dispersed. Twenty-two were arrested and are now held in the county jail, charged with picketing and carrying concealed weapons. One shot was fired.

Chicago, Oct. 15.—The weekly list of football injuries is appalling as compared to records of "casualties" in combats of ten years ago, according to an authority on the gridiron game, writing today in the Chicago Daily News. Despite the new rules, many of which were designed to eliminate roughness and lessen chance of injury, the "new" game makes the "old" look like a "parlor pastime," he says. The article does not blame the modern code or method of play but charges have, in part, defeated their very purpose because they are responsible for losing of the skill with which old time players avoided injury.

He cites the instance of one university of Chicago player, weighing only 142 pounds, who went through four seasons under the old rules, carrying the ball more than any other player on his team, and yet asked for "time out" only once. Several years later, a successor to this player, weighing more himself, but opposing men of less weight, than he in his first time, was taken out in his first college game, suffering more bruises than the first named got in his whole career, according to the critic.

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PLAN TO PROTECT THE GOLD SUPPLY

United States Only Free Gold Market in World—Export Duty Needed.

New York, Oct. 15.—A novel plan for protecting the country's gold supply was suggested today by John E. Gardin, vice president of the National City Bank of New York. In an address on "Foreign Exchange Problems" before the second national conference on currency reform, held under the auspices of the New York Academy of Political Science, Mr. Gardin said the president should be empowered to proclaim an export duty on gold when necessary to safeguard the supply.

"After the most serious problem confronting us today in our international relations, particularly in view of the changes in our banking system," said Mr. Gardin, "is the protection of our gold supply. The United States is the only absolutely free market for gold in the world and we have to suffer for our liberality."

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Through her personal counsel, Arthur C. Train, Mrs. McKay denies all of Mrs. Blake's allegations in a formal answer filed in the supreme court and characterizes Mrs. Blake as one who has a "jealous disposition, an ungovernable temper," and "no affection or love for her husband," whom at one time, it is alleged, she threatened to kill.

Since 1899, Mrs. McKay avers, Mrs. Blake has had no affection for the doctor.

Sought to Injure Doctor.

"On the contrary," the answer continues, "she has sought to injure his good name by constantly spreading among his patients, relatives and friends false and unjust rumors and accusations against him regarding his intimacy with other women and his neglect of his marital obligations and has constantly declared to said persons that she, the said plaintiff, despised and hated her said husband, and tried to ruin him; and that during the year 1905 and repeatedly thereafter, she, the said plaintiff, threatened to kill her said husband."

"By reason of the fact alleged in the preceding paragraph, the plaintiff is and at all times mentioned in the complaint has been estranged from her said husband and has utterly destroyed whatever affection or love he may have had for her."

Wife and Husband Apart.

Mrs. McKay alleged further that Dr. Blake has not lived with the plaintiff as his wife since the year 1904, "long prior to the time when he first knew or had any acquaintance with the defendant, but on the contrary, he has avoided the plaintiff as much as possible and by mutual consent the said plaintiff and her husband have at all times since the year 1904 lived separately and apart and since the autumn of the year 1910 have maintained separate and distinct establishments."

Mrs. McKay says she did not meet Dr. Blake until 1909, long after the breach had come between him and his wife, and she prays therefore that the suit against her be dismissed.

The summons and complaint in Mrs. Blake's suit was made public only yesterday. It set forth that she was living with and being supported by Dr. Blake until four years ago, Mrs. McKay, she charges, "willfully, wickedly and maliciously alienated his affections," and still alienates them. Mrs. Blake's suit for separation against the doctor is pending in the courts.

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ROYAL WEDDING AT ST. JAMES

Prince Arthur, Governor-General of Canada and Duchess of Fife Married.

FEW AT CEREMONY

American Ambassador Page Only Man Without Decoration in Ancient Chapel.

London, Oct. 15.—Prince Arthur of Connaught, son of the Duke of Connaught, governor general of Canada, was today married to Princess Alexandra Victoria, Duchess of Fife, eldest daughter of the widowed Princess Royal Louise. The ceremony took place in the ancient chapel of St. James palace, where both were baptized.

Fewer than 300 persons witnessed the ceremony, but not since the coronation of King George had there been such a gathering of royalties and notable personages.

Besides King George, Queen Mary, Queen Mother Alexandra, the king and queen of Norway and other royal relatives of the couple, the congregation consisted of the diplomatic corps, the British cabinet members of the royal household and a few distinguished civilians. American Ambassador Walter H. Page wore plain evening clothes and was the only man there without a decoration.

King Gives Bride Away.

The bride entered the chapel between King George and her mother. The five bridesmaids were Princess Mary, daughter of the king and queen, Princess Maud, only sister of the bride, Princess Victoria and Princess Helena of Teck, daughters of the duke and duchess of Teck, and Princess Mary, the little daughter of Prince and Princess Alexander of Teck.

The pages were Prince John, the king's youngest son, and Prince Olaf of Norway, a popular favorite in England.

The ceremony was performed by the archbishop of Canterbury, the bishop of London as dean of the chapel royal, and Canon Edgar Sheppard, sub-dean of the chapel royal.

After the ceremony the archbishop of Canterbury delivered a short address, saying that while only a few had been able to be present at the ceremony, millions of Britons all over the world joined in rejoicing at the marriage of an English prince and princess.

London, Oct. 15.—A futile attempt to reach King George and Queen Mary was made by a militant suffragette, Miss Margaret Sterling, as their majesties were on the way to the wedding of Prince Arthur of Connaught and the Duchess of Fife. The young woman broke through the line of police, waving a petition, but she was arrested.

ARMED STRANGER UNDER ARREST

Man Suspected of Intent to Kill Saxon King and Grand Duke.

Dresden, Saxony, Oct. 15.—A mysterious stranger armed with a loaded revolver and a dagger was arrested last night in a theatre here. He was supposed that the king of Saxony and the Grand Duke Cyril of Russia were to be among the audience.

The stranger had rented a room in a hotel overlooking the street through which King Frederick August and the Grand Duke were to pass on their way to attend the gala performance at the court theatre. He was arrested by a railway detective and was entered below while the royal procession was passing. He was given a ticket to another theatre where he was later arrested.

TRIES TO SWALLOW HIS BOGUS CHECKS

Sacramento, Oct. 15.—While attempting to swallow \$1,500 in fictitious checks which he had made out ready for distribution, Peter Holtsman, a farm laborer, who is said to have passed one of his \$300 pieces of paper on a savings bank at Willows on Monday, was arrested here yesterday by railroad detectives. One of the detectives rescued the bogus papers just in time and obtained a confession.

Holtsman was searched and the \$300 which he had obtained on the check at a Willows saloon was found, minus the price of a ticket to Pittsburg, Pa., a new wardrobe, two suitcases and a trip from Willows to Sacramento.

WILL MANAGE KANSAS CITY. St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 15.—George Stovall, depositor manager of the St. Louis Americans, said today that unless he obtains his unconditional release from the local team by tomorrow he will begin negotiations with the Kansas City Federal league club, which has offered him the position of manager.

It is understood the Kansas City Federal league offered Stovall a three-year contract at \$5,500 a year, with a bonus of \$5,000 to \$10,000 to be paid when he signs the contract.